

WHISPERING PINES SUMMER YURT GUIDE

Whispering Pines yurt is ideally located for summer use. Many miles of old roads and single-track trails are easily accessed from here. The yurt is located in a shaded area off the north intersection of the Gold Fork loop and the Lodgepole trail. At an elevation of 5900 feet and in the shade of large evergreens the yurt is guaranteed cool evenings and breezes all summer long. Numerous large trees nearby provide shade for picnics. There is room for a tent if you have extra people. The yurt site is usually snow free from May 1 through November 15.

Reservations:

Reservations for stays within IDPR Idaho City Backcountry Yurts can be online at www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov or toll free 1-866-634-3246. Reservations are accepted 9-months in advance of your intended stay and no later than 48-hours prior to your intended arrival. A non-refundable fee of \$6 is assessed at the time your reservation is made. All fees must be paid in advance of your stay.

Yurts are reserved from 2 p.m. the day of your reservation until 1 p.m. the following afternoon. The maximum length of stay in the same yurt is 5 days.

How To Get There

Drive to the Gold Fork Park N' Ski parking lot, 20 miles north of Idaho City on Highway 21. Take the road at the north end of the parking lot and drive for 2.2 miles to where you will see the intersection signs for Gold Fork and Lodgepole. Trails are marked with blue and yellow diamond shapes, called blazes, attached to trees. This intersection is the summer parking area. Look for the large yellow blaze (2') and hike or bike the single-track trail to the yurt site, about 400 yards.

Elevation Gain and Distance:

From the Gold Fork Park N' Ski parking lot, 600 feet over about 2 miles (one-way).

Wood Pile:

Wood for the stove is located under the yurt deck. Wood for the fire pit should be gathered from the ground. Please use downed, dry timber, as it helps clean up the area and aides in fire protection.

Water:

Water is available at a creek about 1 mile from the yurt summer parking. On the drive into the yurt you will see a 4 x 4 wood post, this is where the creek water is most accessible. We recommend this water be boiled for 10 minutes or drawn with a water filter system such as the "First Need."

Maps Needed:

Idaho City Area Yurt and Trail System, USFS Forest Road, and USGS 7.5 minute topographic "Lowman and Big Owl Creek."

Global Positioning System Locations (UTM):

Whispering Pines Yurt 11 T 611078 E
4872599 N

Gold Fork Parking Lot 11 T 611850 E
4871608 N